

Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

Problem-Based Learning Forum

December 5 & 6, 2006

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Tuesday December 5, 2006

10:00 – 10:30

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth
Commission Chair

Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement
Standards

Mr. Raymond W. Beach, Jr.
Executive Director

Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement
Standards

Mr. Steve Schierholt
Executive Director

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

10:30 – 12:00

Problem Based Learning Within the Context of State Standards Setting Organizations

Facilitators:
Hermina Kramp and Wayne Carlson
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement
Standards

What does problem-based learning (PBL) mean in the context of a state standard setting or training organization? The intent of this session is to lay the foundation for the rest of the conference by facilitating a discussion about the meaning of PBL and its connection to state organizations.

12:00 – 1:15

Conference Lunch and Networking

Lunch provided in the Capitol II Room

1:15 – 2:15

Problem-based Learning in Kentucky Law Enforcement Training

Sgt. Alice Leffler
Louisville Metropolitan Police Department

Transitioning to a Problem-based Learning environment is a process in and of itself. It constantly requires collaboration from all ranks and continued evaluation of the process. This presentation will involve facilitating a discussion relating to committees, curriculums, personnel, and vision for law enforcement education.

Mr. Scott Saltsman
Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice
Training

2:15 – 2:30

Break

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2:30 – 3:30

Moving From Instructor-centered Training to Student-centered Learning

Mr. Dan Toomey
California Commission on Peace Officer
Standards and Training

Mr. Todd Dischinger
Napa Valley Criminal Justice Training Center
Napa Valley, California

Law enforcement officers need to be critical thinkers and problem-solvers. To enhance law enforcement education and to better prepare officers for the active environment in which they work California embarked on an effort to move classroom training from passive to active student involvement incorporating PBL and other active learning strategies into the classroom as well as the field training arena through the PTO program.

3:30 - 5:30

Capitol Tour

Michigan State Capitol building and the state Christmas tree are two blocks from the conference hotel. A guided tour for all interested has been set up for 4:00 pm at the state capitol.

5:45 – 7:00

Conference Dinner

Dinner will be provided for all conference participants in Capitol II Room of the conference hotel.

7:30 – 8:30

The Nexus of Problem-based Learning and E-learning

Facilitators:
Mr. Danny Rosa and Mr. David Lee
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement
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PBL is the training methodology of the future for law enforcement training environment, but e-learning offers viable training options as well. A round table discussion on how PBL and e-learning could merge to form an interactive, online training environment that incorporates the principles of adult learning and the convenience of an e-learning platform will be held.

8:30

Hospitality Room

Suite 804

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Breakfast Buffet & Networking

Capitol I Room

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Capitol II Room

9:00 – 10:00

Thoughts on or Experiences with Problem-based Learning

Facilitators:

Ms. Hermina Kramp and Mr. Wayne Carlson
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement
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This is an opportunity for all participants from the states in attendance as well as the law enforcement agencies and training delivery sites participating to share with the group their thoughts and experiences with PBL.

10:00 – 11:30

Funding: The Future of Law Enforcement Training - Options for POST Organizations

Mr. Raymond W. Beach, Jr.
Executive Director
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement
Standards

Mr. Ken Schwendeman
Kentucky Justice Cabinet

The funding necessary to move law enforcement training forward and improve learning through the implementation of more effective teaching strategies is dependent upon adequate and steady funding for the research, development and implementation of these strategies and to assist law enforcement agencies in providing better training for officers. Please join this panel discussion on funding strategies with states that are seeking or have succeeded in obtaining dedicated funding.

11:30 – 12:30

Conference Lunch

Capitol II

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Assessing the Improvement of Training – Performance Assessment in PBL

Mr. Wayne Carlson
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement
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Most discussion about PBL is in terms of a training delivery methodology. There is little discussion across the country centering on how evaluation, testing, and performance assessments need to change. States are tasked with protecting public safety and ensuring a baseline level of competence. If a state implements PBL, how performance is measured both in the classroom and during role-play scenarios must be rethought. Michigan has done quite a bit of research in this area and we are calling for a move from quantitative testing methodologies to measurements that are qualitative in nature. Michigan will provide an example by discussing the performance assessment project, and the pilot-tests, in the area of domestic violence.

1:30 – 2:30

Closing Remarks and Future Direction

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